

# CAR HITS ENGINE; 2 HURT

Mrs. Mary Crimmings of Hospital Staff Sustains Fractures  
FRANK WIGGINS DRIVER  
Machine Plunges Head-on Into Locomotive Near Hawthorne

HAWTHORNE, AUG. 15 (Special to Torrance Herald)—Mrs. Mary Crimmings, office manager of the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial Hospital sustained a fractured limb and foot and possibly serious internal injuries and Frank W. Wiggins, formerly associated with the Dominguez Land Corporation was slightly injured Tuesday night at 8:30 when the car which Wiggins was driving plunged head-on into a moving Santa Fe engine near Hawthorne.

The accident occurred at the intersection of the Santa Fe tracks with Ballona avenue west of Hawthorne. Both occupants of the car were thrown from the machine which was totally wrecked. Mrs. Crimmings was rushed to the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital where surgeons set her fractures and dressed her injuries. Wednesday night she was in a critical condition, but rallied Thursday morning. X-ray pictures will be taken today to ascertain the extent of internal injuries if any.

Mr. Wiggins' injuries, though not so serious, were serious enough to necessitate his entering the hospital. He was still in the hospital today.

# WEEK'S WORLD NEWS

The great national political pot burst into boiling heat Monday day afternoon in the great athletic stadium of Stanford University, Palo Alto. Every political move up to that date was preliminary. On that day Herbert Clark Hoover started the real contest for votes. Notified formally of his nomination by the Republican convention he made a speech of acceptance. Mr. Hoover's doctrines, as enunciated under a hot sun clung closely to those contained in the Republican platform. He went on record as favoring farm relief, the protective tariff, union women, children and men. Democrats scoffed at the speech as old stuff. Republicans pointed to it with pride.

Back on Manhattan Island Al Smith, groomed for the fray, smiled broadly as he received news about a temporary leave of absence from his duties as a director of General Motors, came out with a statement favoring Al Smith, donated \$50,000 to the Democratic campaign fund. John J. Raskob, another General Motors man, resigned his position. Smith's campaign said no contribution to the fund would be rejected because it was large. Democrats smiled at Al's friendliness to big business. Republicans continued to attack Tammany Hall, Al's wetness.

India, where outgoing news is strictly censored, seethes with discontent under British rule. At Simla, in the Punjab, a conference of "all parties" members of a report demanding a constitution which would give India the status of a dominion. Downing street, seat of the British premier, was silent.

Despite the failure of American aces to win first prize in the sports and other events at Amsterdam the United States annexed enough firsts in other events and enough second and third places to win the Olympic games. Even at that the athletes, men and women from the United States won 22 first prizes—but they didn't come in the spectacular events.

Croatian peasants are emotional. They wept for hours. Their great champion, leader of the "down-trodden agrarians was killed. His name was Stefan Raditch. Two hundred thousand peasants ceased their toll to attend the funeral.

Plans for eight new 10,000-ton cruisers to be built by the United States reveal that they will be a match in speed, range and gun power for any fast fighting ships of their class in the world.

Julius Rosenwald, chairman of the board of Sears-Roebuck Company is considered the most generous giver to charity in the world. His gifts to Jewish, Christian and others, have gone high into the millions. On his sixty-sixth birthday, the generous Chicagoan said: "Being an optimist, I have confidence in the future; I believe we of the present should not try to guide the destinies of on-coming generations."

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# MAD PASSION TRAGEDY CAUSE

## Torrance Assessed Value, Up 3 Million, Shows Growth

# SEX CRAZE ENDS TWO LIVES

### Exaggerated Passion Turned to Sadness Drives Jap to Murder; Suicide

#### KILLS WIFE, THEN SELF

#### Allenists Study Strange Psychology in Husband-Wife Drama Here

Exaggerated sex turned to brooding sadness in the breast of Y. Hashimura, 48, last Friday morning and transformed his little home on the Del Amo ranch in Torrance into a murder and suicide shambles.

With a 16-gauge shot-gun at 5:30 in the morning, before the eyes of his five children the mad Japanese shot his wife and killed himself.

The story of events which led up to the tragedy, as related to police, were among the most strange in the annals of Los Angeles homicide. Hashimura, according to his wife's brother, F. Yamamoto and James H. Saifak, secretary of the Japanese society of this district, killed his wife because he loved her too madly. It was a love which warped his mind, expressing itself in terms of a desire that was never satisfied, and then when the effects of that desire were made known to the mad husband filled him with remorse for the crime he committed murder and suicide.

The strange psychology of the case is being studied by Los Angeles alienists, who say, according to authorities, that it presents many phases of mental reaction of decided interest to science.

Delicately stated the story runs in this fashion: During the first few years of their married life Mr. and Mrs. Hashimura were splendidly happy, working hard in the fields, rearing their family and joyfully sharing the fruits of their toil.

A few months ago Hashimura developed an unappetized desire, which frightened his wife, bore her down mentally and physically and tore down the structure of marital happiness which they had built together.

Hashimura's previously unselfish love, according to police, turned into continuous physical passion. He was a changed man, whose mind was obviously seriously affected. His love became nothing but appetite, even by day and night. In the hours of the day and night, even in the fields, he drove his wife to distraction with almost constant evidences of his desire. Life became a terror to the woman. Unable longer to withstand the crazed advances of her mate she appealed to her Japanese society, secretary of the Japanese society.

Together these two men sought to right the mental aberrations of Hashimura, strove to bring him back to normal love, to reveal to him the awful results of his passion.

On the night of Aug. 9 Yamamoto spent the night at the Hashimura home. He pleaded long with Hashimura, pleaded as a brother whose sister's life was being ruined by a sexual maniac. Hashimura, it is thought, saw with a crazed mind some vision of the tragedy his desire had wrought. He became steeped in melancholy, weeping almost the whole night through. The next day he continued cloaked in a mantle of melancholia. Friday morning about 5:30 he rose, seized a shotgun and shot his wife through the head and pulled the covers over her.

At the sound of the report Hashimura's twelve year old daughter leaped from her bed. The father turned to the child, handed her the gun and asked her to kill him. "Frightened the child leaped back into her bed and pulled the covers over her head. Suddenly she heard another shot. Peering out from under the covers she saw her father, dead on his bed. The child ran to the home of a neighbor. They sped at once to Gardena to the home of James H. Saifak, chief adviser of the Japanese of this district. He notified county authorities. Other neighbors were notified.

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# Legion Will Stage Eighth Fiesta-Auto Show Aug. 28th; Popularity Contest Planned

The Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion will hold its Eighth Annual Fiesta and Auto Show, which opens August 28th for five days, on a down-town location. Over half of the exhibitors' space in the big tent which will be erected for the Fiesta, has been sold.

At a meeting of the committee Tuesday night plans were formulated to have a popularity contest in connection with this year's show

and all of the local firms will be asked to sponsor some young lady. As usual there will be gifts from the exhibitors every night and the attractions that have been booked assure some real entertainment for the visitors.

The fact that no admission is charged, has been one of the factors in making this annual event so popular and with the down town location this year even larger attendance is expected.

# Observations

### Torrance and Lomita Need Supervisor McClellan—His Interest in This Area—His Experience Is Necessary to the Whole County

#### By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

THE primary election, as it has to do with the election of supervisors from this the fourth district is of the utmost importance to the residents of Torrance, Lomita and the entire harbor district. They should consider long and seriously before casting their ballots. For the issue in this territory is the continued progress of the great area lying between Los Angeles and the port of San Pedro.

Shall it go forward under the guidance of a supervisor from this district whose record during the past two years has revealed a thorough realization of our needs, or shall the district trade an experienced representative on the board of supervisors for one whose chief appeal for our suffrage is based on vague promises and the attention-attracting hocus-pocus of political skyrockets?

WHEN Supervisor R. F. McClellan last ran for election The Torrance Herald and Lomita News opposed him vigorously. We did so because we were endeavoring to represent the belief of most of the people of this district that the Board of Supervisors were not cognizant of the needs of the harbor area, that they were too deaf to this area's appeals for needed improvements.

Supervisor McClellan was elected—although voters of this district voted against him by a large majority. Since his last election to the board, however, Mr. McClellan has proved beyond the question of a doubt that he not only knows the needs of this area but is ready to do his utmost as a supervisor to provide them.

THE board, under the chairmanship of Mr. McClellan has during the past two years turned its official eyes to the south. Let us consider some of the events which establish this contention. Vermont avenue has been paved south almost to Wilmington and will be extended on to the harbor without delay.

Hawthorne avenue has been paved from Hawthorne to Redondo boulevard, from Palos Verdes to Camino Real and will soon be paved across the Del Amo ranch. Carson street, has been paved east to Truck boulevard and McClellan is active in the work of improving it on east to Orange county.

The Figueroa street extension to the sea is right now in the proceedings stage and work will probably begin within a very few months.

The extension and improvement of Avalon avenue south to Wilmington is another project of vast importance to this area and is strongly supported by Mr. McClellan.

The property owners who petitioned for a widening of Eshelman avenue and its improvement testify that they received the utmost consideration and help from Mr. McClellan.

Likewise has our representative on the board been largely instrumental in assisting the district to secure the improvement of the great Sepulveda boulevard and the Sepulveda cutoff in Torrance and Lomita respectively.

LOMITA is thoroughly aware of the co-operation which Mr. McClellan has given to the project of widening and improving Redondo-Long Beach boulevard.

In every instance during the past two years the desire of the people of Torrance and Lomita and adjacent territory for improvements has met with the whole-hearted enthusiastic support of Mr. McClellan. Anyone who approaches the subject with an open mind must certainly agree that previous indifference of the board for necessary improvements in this district has changed during the past two years to enthusiastic support of every worthy movement for our progress.

THE people of Torrance may not be wholly aware of the benefit which the county brought to their city by speeding up work on the Torrance trunk of the Metropolitan sewer district and the disposal plant, but those who were more closely in touch with this matter know that the action of the county saved Torrance from a distressing condition. The city sewer farm was greatly overtaxed. Within a few months, if city sewage were continually dumped on the over-saturated soil a deplorable situation would have arisen. Torrance city officials made representations to Supervisor McClellan and the county officials. Mr. McClellan took up the case with determination and prompt decision. The Torrance trunk line was completed. The disposal plant was built. Torrance hooked up to the system. A serious condition was averted.

IT is this type of representation which prompted scores of citizens of Torrance to change their minds about Mr. McClellan. Not only has he evidenced an interest in this territory, but that interest has been active and to the great benefit of this whole district.

THAT much for the value of Mr. McClellan to this area in particular. His value to the whole county is another, but a vastly important story. The people of the county have in Mr. McClellan a representative who brings to the biggest business in the state a wealth of sound business judgment, a knowledge gained through long experience of the problems of the Los Angeles basin.

BUT he has not lost the human touch in the cold maze of statistics and figures. While guiding the finances of the county with an experienced and capable hand he has not forgotten that after all the chief purpose of any government, local, state or national is to promote the happiness of human beings. Mr. McClellan is, more than any other individual, responsible for the rapidly increasing number of wonderful county parks. Anyone

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# BUYS SITE HERE FOR SCHOOL

### Board of Education Purchases Block of 5 Acres in 4070 Tract

#### PRICE IS ABOUT \$15,000

#### C. of C. Campaign for New Grammar School Results in Action

A long campaign by the school committee of the Chamber of Commerce here for a second elementary school in Torrance culminated this week in the purchase by the Board of Education of Block 11, Tract 4070 in Vista Highlands.

The block bought for future improvement is bounded by Fern, Greenwood, Sonoma and Eldorado streets. It comprises about five acres. The consideration was said to be in the neighborhood of \$15,000.

The purchase was made from several owners of lots. Almost two years ago the school committee of the Chamber of Commerce urged the Board of Education to purchase a site for a second elementary school here while a large unimproved tract was still available. Representatives of the board have been studying various sites for several months. Some months ago they bought several lots only to discover that these lots lay in the direct route of the proposed Hollywood-Palos Verdes parkway. Another site in the same territory was sought and the purchase of Block 11 consummated.

Acquisition of the site does not signify that a school building will be started at once. The present elementary school, however, is as large as the board maintains. As soon as it is overtaxed, the new school will be necessary.

Willyum, please dispel my doubts! BUT that isn't all I have to talk about today, Sweet Willyum. I want to know something else. And here it is, Willyum.

# Keystoneers Will Hear Candidates

### 500 Expected at Community Hall To Hear Issues Saturday Night

Candidates for various offices at the Aug. 28 primary will speak to the largest crowd ever at the Keystone Community Hall on Harbor boulevard one block south of Carson street Saturday night.

Thomas A. Cowan, president of the Keystone Chamber of Commerce is preparing for an audience of 500. The meeting which will attract citizens from all over this district will open promptly at 8:15.

Mr. Cowan announced yesterday that candidates for supervisor, assemblyman and senator will all be there and that several candidates for the superior bench will be present.

"So far," said Mr. Cowan, "I have received only one response expressing the inability of a candidate to be present."

Frank Walton, president of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce who preside at the meeting. Candidates will speak for a limited period. Outside of a brief musical program the meeting will be given over entirely to discussion by candidates themselves of the issues of the day in the county and the state.

# Seek Stops on Vermont Avenue

That the intersection at Carson street and Vermont avenue is a dangerous crossing is being proved by the fact that bad accidents occur there nearly every week.

Friday a sedan and a touring car collided there, badly damaging both cars, and seriously injuring an occupant of one of them.

This is a 15 mile intersection, but as the traffic on Vermont is not heavy, there are many who do not heed the warning. An effort is being made to have a boulevard stop put there, and also at another dangerous crossing, East road and Vermont.

# SWEET WILLYUM PASS THE HONEY

Sweet Willyum! Really your last voyage into the mysterious land of newspaperdom quite made me blush. And I would be lacking in merit if I did not respond with impulsive forgiveness to your affectionate remarks regarding you and me.

Willyum you say that Torrance will go ahead in spite of either you or me and that after all we are two very small atoms in the great cosmos or something like that. Oh, Willyum what a lovely thought!

Here I had gone along all the time thinking that at least YOU were important to the world and now you come right out and class yourself with me as a little insignificant atom, or something like that.

It is very refreshing, this admission of yours. And now that you have concluded that even YOU are unimportant in the great destiny of mankind, I must ask just WHEN you reached that conclusion.

Tell me Sweet Willyum, was it BEFORE you ran your own picture—two columns wide—on the front page of your own house organ or was it AFTER? Oh, IT MUST have been AFTER. You MUST have had that big cut made and already printed BEFORE you wrote such a noble admission of your own and my unimportance in the great scheme of things.

I should HATE to think otherwise Willyum. For it would shatter my faith in ALL mankind if I thought even you could come right out like a shrinking violet and admit your own unimportance.

And the next minute have this picture taken and a cut made and run the picture of yourself on the front page of a paper which is all your own.

Willyum, please dispel my doubts! BUT that isn't all I have to talk about today, Sweet Willyum. I want to know something else. And here it is, Willyum.

For five years, ever since I blew into Torrance to publish a paper and try to grapple a living for myself and family out of it, you have been calling me awful names. It made me feel pretty bad Willyum that you called me names. It hurts me even to hear a little boy call another one bad names and I felt the same about you. And finally I just wasn't going to stand it any longer and so I answered you.

And then what happened, Willyum? Well, sir, in a couple weeks out you come and get almost affectionate on an inside page.

All the time I had you named in my mind as Wild Bill—but now, ah, such is the sweet grace of love returned, you are no longer Wild Bill, but Sweet Willyum. There, now, isn't that gracious?

SWEET WILLYUM, that isn't all I want to ask you about. Oh dear no! There is a lot more.

Tell me what is all this Reve Hock rumpus about? Why they are even whispering about town that Reve is interested in your paper. But I have denied it stoutly. Yes sir, I wouldn't let anybody say anything like that about Sweet Willyum! I tell them right out that Reve Hock has nothing at ALL to do with your paper and that his big advertisements in your paper do not influence you one single bit. I tell them that you are Big Hearted Bill and are circulating all this Reve Hock talk just because you love him as the honey-sipping bee loves the sweet-scented blossom. Now tell me Willyum, am I right or wrong? Is Reve the blossom and you the bee—or not? And if so what's got the bees? Or aren't you itching to tell?

I know that you love music and brass bands and tooting horns, particularly your own, and so I have written this song to suit an old popular tune. You know the tune. It is the tune of the song, "Sweet Rosy O'Grady." The words to the original are as follows:

Four horn driving enamel \$1.95 gal. Consolidated Lumber Co.—adv.

importance or after? I want to know about that Willyum for the same reason which made me ask about your picture, on your front page.

Your whole record in Torrance is one of such unwavering consistency—you only change your mind about as often as you change your politics—you are so consistent that I want to know how you can say that even YOU are unimportant on ONE page and claim the whole credit for saving money on lights on ANOTHER.

Maybe, as you say, I am just a young boy with inexperience who doesn't know all about little words like "if", and maybe that's why I can't figure it out every time you present yourself as something different on every page. It is very confusing. On the next page you talk of me in gentle terms like a soft breeze, fanning the palms of some unfrequented tropic isle. On the next page you say you are unimportant and me too. On one page is your picture, proving your idea of your own importance. On the next page this idea is bolstered by your statement that you saved us all some money on lights. And on the next page you say you are unimportant. Shame on you, Sweet Willyum.

You are just as consistent as the little gadget they call the chameleon, which can change the color of his jacket to match any shade he's sitting on.

This little brute can even turn green. But you never could, could you Sweet Willyum? Nor red?

OH yes, another thing. They tell me around town that this week you are going to take a little journey into ancient history. Wonderful! I'm mighty interested in antiquities, Willyum. If you dig up any prehistoric skeletons that roamed these parts in the dim and distant past I'd like to see 'em. I've done a little excavation myself and found a few bones. Maybe if we can piece them together we can concoct a regular old-time monster.

You see you have waved a branch of affection to me and I want to return the favor. And I'm all-fired interested in ancient history. Wonderful! I do everything in its power to keep the rate as low as is commensurate with good government and progress.

Mayor Dennis said this week, "Naturally we expect to encounter all reasonable economy. At the same time we should not leave out of the budget any items necessary to the proper government and progress of Torrance. It is certain, however, that Torrance can still enjoy a low municipal tax rate and the council, I believe, will do everything in its power to keep the rate as low as is commensurate with good government and progress."

Truck Hits Car, None Is Injured

Two vehicles were damaged last Friday when a car driven by Joe Sullogry, 2111 Arlington, was struck by a truck driven by M. Yindell of 1750 Arlington avenue.

Sullogry was backing out of the driveway of his home when the cars collided.

Yindell was driving a milk truck belonging to the Kern Creamery company.

Miss Quandt Is Taken by Death

Untimely death took Miss Mae Marie Quandt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Quandt from a loving family Thursday. Miss Quandt, who had been severely ill for several days died at the family residence in Torrance. She was 29 years old.

Besides her father and mother Miss Quandt left to mourn her loss three sisters, Mrs. Alice Thomas of Torrance, Mrs. Martha Dunn of Gardena and Edith Quandt, and a brother Carl Quandt.

The funeral was held from the home Thursday at 2 p. m. Miss Quandt was a capable and trusted employe of a bank in Redondo. Scores of friends in Torrance mourn her untimely death.

RELIEF SOCIETY NOTICE

The Torrance Relief Society will meet on the last Friday in August and the first and last Fridays in September, instead of each week during those two months.